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# **SPECIAL PROCESSING SUBMISSION**

## **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SMALL FORM FACTOR OPTICAL CONNECTOR WITH THERMOPLASTIC  
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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)  
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

Mail Stop 313c  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313 (c)(2).

**PATENT ISSUE FEE**

The issue fee for this case was paid on February 28, 2006.

**REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

**FILING OF REQUEST FOR**  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via facsimile with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

☐ Please charge the fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

☒ Any required fee will be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission.

☒ If necessary, charge any required fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

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